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1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY LONDON'S COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE OF SUBJECT CONFERENCE.

2. ON MARCH 23, BRITISH EMBASSY COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR HUTSON, WHO ATTENDED SESSIONS, GAVE US RUNDOWN WHICH FULLY TRACKS WITH REFTEL. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT MEETING PRODUCED NO NEW STATEMENT OF POLICY ABOUT SOVIET TRADE, AS WE HAD ONCE HEARD IT MIGHT DO.

3. HUTSON SAID THAT FOLLOWING SEMINAR, GVISHIANI AND SUSHKOV WENT THEIR SEPARATE WAYS IN U.K. HE MENTIONED THAT SUSHKOV HELD CONVERSATIONS WITH BRITISH AUTOMOTIVE
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INDUSTRY WHICH, ACCORDING TO HUTSON, PARALLELED THE DISCUSSIONS SUSHKOV HAD WITH GENERAL MOTORS, FORD, CHRYSLER AND AMERICAN MOTORS IN DETROIT. PRESENCE OF BUTKO ON SOVIET DELEGATION TO U.K. WOULD UNDERSCORE THAT THIS ASPECT WAS SIGNIFICANT FROM SOVIET POINT OF VIEW.

4. SOVIETS HAVE NEVER INDICATED CLEARLY TO US HERE THE

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SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THESE TALKS WITH AUTOMOTIVE
INDUSTRY. CAN DEPARTMENT CLARIFY ON BASIS OF MEETINGS HELD
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